

(d) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. No final decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Change of name of Calcutta Airport

837. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals for changing the name of Calcutta Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The West Bengal Government and various Organisations have represented to rename the Calcutta Airport as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Airport. The Government have decided to rename the Calcutta Airport as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. However, formal renaming function will be held only after the facilities at the Airport are raised to international standards.

Tourism Development in Andhra Pradesh

838. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has acquired the land of the Nizam Palace;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal to convert it into a tourist complex; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Union

Government in this regard and the financial assistance to be provided for making it an attraction for foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No information has been received by the Central Department of Tourism regarding this nor any proposal to convert this area into a tourist complex has been submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Medical Facilities to Earthquake Victims

839. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed and injured by the recent earthquake; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Union Government to provide medical facilities and other allied amenities to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) (i) Number of people Killed : 768

(ii) Number of People injured : 5066

(b) Ten packets consisting of medical equipments (as indicated in the attached statement II received as gift items from the W.H.O. were sent to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for use in the earthquake affected areas. In addition, two gift packets